

**INFORMATION REPORT  
OF THE  
STATE FAIR ADVISORY COMMITTEE**



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# **State Fair Advisory Committee**

## **Membership Roster**

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## **Legislative Services Agency Staff**

**Jessica Harmon, Fiscal Analyst  
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A copy of this report is available on the Internet. Reports, minutes, and notices are organized by committee. This report and other documents for this Committee can be accessed from the General Assembly Homepage at <http://www.in.gov/legislative/>.

## INFORMATION REPORT

### **State Fair Advisory Committee**

#### **I. STATUTORY DIRECTIVE**

IC 15-13-6-4 directs the State Fair Advisory Committee to:

- (1) Serve as a liaison between the
  - (A) commission;
  - (B) board of trustees of the Barn;
  - (C) board; and
  - (D) General Assembly.
- (2) Review policies affecting the activities of the
  - (A) commission;
  - (B) Barn;
  - (C) State Fair;
  - (D) facilities at the fairgrounds; and
  - (E) property owned by the commission.
- (3) Provide long-range guidance for the
  - (A) commission;
  - (B) board of trustees of the Barn; and
  - (C) board.
- (4) Review annually the
  - (A) commission's;
  - (B) board of trustees of the Barn's; and
  - (C) board's;

budgets and other accounts and report financial conditions to the Legislative Council.
- (5) Further advise the Budget Committee regarding appropriations and other financial matters concerning the:
  - (A) commission;
  - (B) board of trustees of the Barn; and
  - (C) board.
- (6) Propose, review, and make recommendations concerning legislation affecting the
  - (A) commission;
  - (B) Barn; and
  - (C) board.

The Legislative Council did not assign any topics of study to the Committee in 2012.

#### **II. SUMMARY OF WORK PROGRAM**

The Committee met once during the 2012 interim session on August 15, 2012, at the Board Room of the Administration Building, Indiana State Fairgrounds.

The Committee is not required to file a final report.

### **III. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY**

**Update on the 2012 Indiana State Fair: Public Safety.** David Shaw, Chief Operating Officer of the Indiana State Fair Commission, discussed public safety planning and the Indiana State Fairgrounds Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP).

Jessie Olvera, Director of Safety and Security, informed the Committee that the Area Monitor Program is not a new program, but has been improved. Mr. Olvera reported that daily operational briefings occur with 15 agencies represented.

James Greeson, Indiana State Fire Marshal, reminded the Committee members that the rules allowed to be adopted by the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission by SEA 273 (2012) concerning the regulation of outdoor stage equipment will sunset in 2014. He also reported that the rules have been working.

**Update on the 2012 Indiana State Fair: Pricing.** Cynthia Hoye, Executive Director of the Indiana State Fair Commission, explained the different factors that weighed in on pricing decisions for the 2012 Indiana State Fair. She explained that the prices of attendance and parking at other state fairs in the Midwest region were considered, as well as a focus on value and providing a wide variety of entertainment that would appeal to a wide group of people.

**Pepsi Coliseum Project.** Justin Armstrong, Director of Advancement at the Indiana State Fair Commission, provided an update to the Committee about the Pepsi Coliseum renovation project. There will be a new arena portion that is slated to be open for the 2013 Indiana State Fair, and the whole coliseum will likely be open for the 2014 Indiana State Fair. The cost of the renovation is about \$63 million.

Meeting minutes for the Committee can be accessed from the General Assembly Homepage at <http://www.in.gov/legislative/>.